Establishment and expansion of trade relations is an ongoing process.

(c) (i) exchange of business and trade delegations.

(ii) participation in trade fairs and exhibitions.

(iii) holding contact premotion programmes among the business communities of India and those countries.

(iv) holding bilateral trade talks at ministerial/official levels and

(v) identification of thrust commodities and their promotion for exports.

Development of National Highways in Bihar

1853. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals sent by the Government of Bihar to the Union government for development of national Highways during 1991-92;

(b) the number of proposals accorded approval; and

(c) the allocation made for the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPOR (SHRI JAGASDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). 37 numbers of proposals for development/ improvement of national Highways in Bihar have been received during 1991-92 from the Government of Bihar. Out of these, 20 numbers of proposals amounting to Rs. 1279.731 lakhs were approved. Out of the remaining 17 proposals, 7 numbers were returned to state Government for modification of estimates and 10 proposals are under scrutiny.

(c) For 1991-92, an allocation of Rs. 12 crores has been given to Bihar for various on going national Highway works including projects approved during the year.

Allowances to Central Government Employees in Hill districts of Uttar Pradesh

1854. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANBDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central government employees posted in Hilly districts of Uttar pradesh are being given Special Compensatory (remote Locality) Allowance and House Rent allowance;

(b) if not, the places in these district where the employees are being given the said allowances;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from the Central Government employees posted in those places of the above districts where these allowances are not being given;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) and (b). Special Compensatory (Remote Locality) allowance and House rent Allowance at unclassified city rates are admissible to the Central Government employees posted in the Districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli and Pithoragarh with the exception that in Pithoragarh town House Rent Allowance is admissible at 'C' class city rates.